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8.	Power/granules other than vitamin
9.	Liquid oral other than vitamin
10.	Liquid Injectable other than vitamin
11.	Capsule other than vitamin & antibiotics
12.	Tablet except vitamin and pericillin
13.	Ointments
14.	Syrup
15.	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals n.e.c.
16.	Ayurvedic medicine liquid

Revision of prices of bulk drugs

1453. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of formulations and drugs based on imported inputs for which prices were increased during the last one year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prices of bulk drugs produced from basic stages are not being revised for years together;

(c) what are the names of such bulk drugs whose prices increase applications are pending since the last one year;

(d) what is the present price of each and what price of each has been proposed; and

(e) what are the reasons for delay in action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Most of the bulk drugs and formulations including those based on indigenously produced bulk drugs require one or the other imported input. The names of bulk drugs having significant import content, whose prices have been revised during last one year, have been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1455 being answered today. As regards formulations their number runs into hundreds and the time and labour involved in compiling such voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No such application is pending in the Department.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Prices of bulk drugs

1454. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to reduce the prices of 74 bulk drugs consequent to reduction in custom duty to 80 per cent on the intermediates required for their production;

(b) what is the position of prices of Pyrazinamide, Sulphamoxole, Pyrantel Pamoate, Promethazine, Betamethasone, Dextropropoxyphene, Verapamil after the reduction of custom duty on their intermediates;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have not reduced the prices of these drugs for months together when Government was prompt in increasing the prices;

(d) what was the prices of each of these drugs before the reduction of custom duty on its intermediates and what is the price afterwards;

(e) whether it is a fact that earlier Government reduced prices across the board; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons for delay in reduction of prices by 17 per cent across the board and by when such an effect would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) As per EXIM Policy 1992—97, the imports of raw materials|intermediates, required for the production of bulk drugs, is allowed at market determined rates of foreign exchange. The customs duty on raw materials|intermediates required for the manufacture of 74 bulk drugs was reduced to set off the impact of increase in the landed cost due to change over to market determined rate. The following example explains the net affect on this account on the landed cost of the raw materials|intermediates:

	At official rate (Rs.)	At market rate (Rs.)
CIF price say US $ 1.00	26.00	31.00
Custom duty @110%	28.60	@80%24.80
Landed cost	54.60	55.80

Hence, there is no need to revise the prices, on *suo-moto* basis, of drugs under price control, which include those mentioned in part (b) of the question. In regard to bulk drugs out-side price control, the concerned companies have been advised through their Associations to submit data regarding price of bulk drug in case it has been revised upwards taking into account customs duty at the rate of 110 per cent and exchange rate at market determined rate.

Suo Moto Price increase of Drugs

1455. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the prices of Drugs on *suo-moto*;

(b) if so, names of drugs for which price increase was allowed on *Suo moto* basis during the last two years, year-wise alongwith the basis on which *suo-moto* increase was allowed;

(c) what was earlier price, increased price and percentage of increase in each case;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have not applied the same yard stick of *suo-motto* basis in the cases of reduction of prices of drugs;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) what are the names of drugs for which prices were reduced on *suo-motto* basis during the last two years alongwith earlier and reduced price of each; and

(g) what are the basis on which price reduction was affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Consequent upon change in exchange rate of